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RELAXED SOMEWHAT AND SAID THAT HE WAS INDEED HOPEFUL OF POSITIVE IRANIAN SUPPORT TO YEMEN AND TRUSTED THAT IN FUTURE IRAN WOULD BEHAVE WITH LESS VOLATILITY AND GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF YEMEN'S CIRCUMSTANCES.

9. I ASKED PRESIDENT IRYANI IF EGYPT HAD LATELY BEEN SHOWING AN INTEREST IN HELPING YAR MORE IN ITS CONFRONTATION WITH PDRY. HE SAID EGYPT WAS SHOWING SIGNS OF A WILLINGNESS TO HELP, BUT LET IT GO AT THAT.

10. TURNING TO YEMEN'S REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY ARMS SUPPLY, I WENT OVER PRESENTATION MADE PREVIOUS DAY TO PRIMIN AL-HAJRI (SANAA 1299) PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS STATE 138643. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US RESPONSIVENESS AND SAID AGAIN THAT HE HAD NEVER DOUBTED GOOD WILL OF USG TOWARD YEMEN AND ITS PROBLEMS. HE CONFIRMED SHAIKH ZAYID'S WILLINGNESS HELP FINANCIALLY ON EMERGENCY ARMS NEEDS.

11. COMMENT: AS PRESIDENT IRYANI'S REMARKS ONCE AGAIN MADE CLEAR, PROMOTING COOPERATING BETWEEN YEMEN AND SUADI ARABIA IS AN UPHILL TASK FOR USG, AND WILL

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TERM INTENTIONS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE BUT UNTIL THOSE PROGRAMS ACTUALLY UNDERWAY. THE FAULT LIES PERHAPS AS MUCH WITH YEMEN'S HYPERSENSITIVITY TO SIGNS OF IMPERIOUSNESS ON PART OF ITS RICH NEIGHBOR AS WITH SAUDI ARABIA'S PAST PERFORMANCE IN YEMEN AND WHAT SEEMS TO YEMENIS ITS PRESENT INERTIA IN HELPING TO MEET THE THREAT FROM ADEN.

12. PRESIDENT'S REMARK ON A QADHAFI VISIT BEARS OUT WHAT HAS BEEN STRONGLY RUMORED HERE IN PAST TWO WEEKS. WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHEN VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE, YARG OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SPEAKING TO US RECENTLY WITH INCREASING OPTIMISM OF WORSENING RELATIONS BETWEEN LIBYA AND PDRY AND PROSPECTS THAT QADHAFI CAN BE INDUCED COME OUT SQUARELY BEHIND YAR. IF QADHAFI COMES, YARG WILL, AS PRESIDENT HINTED, SEE A STRONG INTEREST IN ACCOMMODATING LIBYAN SUPPORT IN ARMS, MONEY AND POLITICAL PSOTURE AGAINST PDRY. WE WILL BE TAKING APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO COUNSEL QUITE STRONGLY AGAINST YARG PARTICIPATION IN STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD UNNECESSARILY IRRITATE IRAN AND SET BACK THE YAR-IRANIAN RELATIONSHIP WHICH CURRENTLY SEEMS TO BE EVOLVING SO SATISFACTORILY.
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